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'Women drawn to men with muscles, not money'



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Ermita to AFP: Produce six Isafp agents

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Christine O. Avendaño



AND COUNTING.

Reds target of terror law

GMA: Secure all transport, communication, power agencies

By Juliet Labog-Javellana



CPP, NPA, Abu Sayyaf to be outlawed

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Leila B. Salaverria

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL ASK THE courts to outlaw the Communist Party of the Philippines, the New People's Army and the Abu Sayyaf once the Human Security Act of 2007 takes effect on July 15, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita and Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

SC junks rebellion raps vs 'Batasan 6' with finality

By Norman Bordadora and Leila B. Salaverria

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Anakpawis leader, 72, gunned down

By Jeffrey Tupas
Inquirer Mindanao



Love blooms while building GK homes

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WEATHER FORECAST

Comelec defers Migz proclamation



Bayan Muna hits party-list formula

THE COMMISSION ON ELECtions (Comelec) has deferred the proclamation of Team Unity's Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri as the 12th and last winning senator which was scheduled today after receiving the Supreme Court's notice of oral arguments on the petition of Genuine Opposition candidate Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, Zubiri's closest rival for the slot.

'Make or break'

Preempting SC

Bossi text message fake, colleagues say


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Wrong grammar

Gang of criminals

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Comelec revamp? Go for impeachment, CBCP told

By Michael Lim Ubac

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Storm to bring rains today

By TJ Burgonio

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Movie-TV board suspends Fr. Nico

By Marinel R. Cruz
Entertainment

A MEMBER OF THE Movie and Television Review and Classification Board has been suspended after the Office of the Ombudsman found him guilty of "simple misconduct" for "shouting and belittling" his colleague.

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Questioning

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Reprehensible act

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Anti-Money Laundering Council

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The public is warned against internet-based Ponzi-like investment or pyramid schemes offering high-yield investment programs (HYIPs) to the public.

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'Criticism now terrorism?'

Killing of suspects

Safeguard

Gov't raps vs 6 militant lawmakers 'politically motivated,' says IPU

By Christian V. Esguerra

Tenacity

Political persecution

4 killed in Bossi search operation, say Marines

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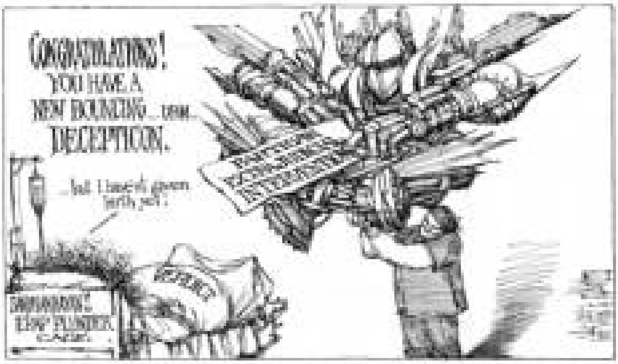
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Abalos and Lim at Kapihan sa Manila

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Reign of error

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'Sipsip, sulsul'

Pinoy Kasi

Michael L. Tan



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Sulsul

'Bida' kalbo

A doctor in trouble

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Give our children more 'green' spaces

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Meralco's upward rate adjustment, pro-consumer?

In Sunday best for (one's) boss rather than for God

Santiago's 'precedent' missed out essential point

Perennial flooding in T. Sora

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Former rice growers see promise in trees

By [illegible]
Baguio City

UNTIL 1990, CLUSTERS OF rice terraces in an indigenous village in Baguio City [illegible]



GOOD Roots project director Dr. Ben Wallace inspects the fruit tree nursery in Barangay Happy Hollow in Baguio City.

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Introducing trees

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Health

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Drawing inspiration

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Multi-party congressmen support President Arroyo, Speaker de Venecia





Majority Coalition submits 12-point economic action plan

Now that the political campaign is over, our real work begins. For electoral victory means nothing unless it is put to the service of country and people.

In the Thirteenth Congress, we accomplished a great deal. Through the expanded VAT and new revenue measures, we've placed State finances on a sound footing. In 2006, the public sector posted its first budget surplus since the financial crisis of 1997. This has enabled our country to regain a measure of investor confidence.

By conducting relatively peaceful mid-term elections, we've also begun to restore political stability.

But there's much more we need to do. We must generate a new wave of reforms that will invigorate our economy and restructure our politics.

OUR TASKS IN THESE NEXT THREE YEARS

Toward this end, we've drawn up a Legislative Program for 2007-2010 that we believe responds to our most urgent needs. And we're determined to work in union to carry out this Program. We invite all our colleagues in the 14th Congress to join us.

Our Legislative Program for these next three years has 12 thematic goals. These are:

1. *Sustain the economic and political gains* the Administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has achieved for the nation.
2. *Speed up market opening* to catch Asia's new wave of growth.
3. *Install the political, electoral and administrative reforms* that will make the Philippines a "Strong Republic" and lead her to Second World, and eventually, First World status.
4. *Raise our country's competitiveness* by lowering the costs of doing business and improving workers' productivity.
5. *Equip our youth to compete in the global Knowledge Society* by modernizing basic education and emphasizing Math, English and Science.

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6. *Focus on our core strengths* in industry and the service sector by striving to become a hub of global business-process outsourcing, information technology and logistics.
7. *Emphasize tourism as a growth industry,* to which our varied natural attractions and our gracious people give us a comparative advantage.
8. *Develop alternative fuels and energy sources* to avoid the coming crunch in the global oil supply.
9. *Bridge the gap between our urban and rural economies* by modernizing agriculture and raising rural incomes.
10. *Give everyone a stake in our country's development* by sharing the benefits of growth.
11. *Reconcile the needs of development* with our duty as custodians of the Earth, to care for our environment.
12. *Ensure regional peace* by building, with our ASEAN partners, our Southeast Asian economic and political community and an East Asian Economic Grouping.

POLITICS MUST TRANSCEND PARTISAN INTERESTS

If we are to achieve these large goals, our politics must transcend partisan interests. Our politics must begin to reflect our highest collective aspirations for the national community.

We are pleased to join Rep. Jose de Venecia, Jr. of the Fourth District of Pangasinan as co-authors of this Declaration and ask him to offer himself for the Speakership—because we believe he is the best-equipped, by his track record and strong political will, by his understanding of the parliamentary process, his broad legislative experience, his standing in the Asian and international community, and his conciliatory spirit to steer these make-or-break Legislative Programs through the Fourteenth Congress.

Finally, a new term for Speaker de Venecia will enable him to carry out in the next few months his program for electronic voting and the computerization of all the House's law-making and ancillary programs.

To Speaker de Venecia, we pledge our wholehearted and militant support.

Done in the months of June and July, 2007, Metro Manila.

177 sign Manifesto; 124 needed to win speakership



The beginnings of national unity: Representatives from Lakas CMD, Kampi, Nationalist People's Coalition, Liberal Party, Nacionalista Party, LDP, PDSP, PDP-Laban, Party-list organizations and Independents have joined forces



MULTI-PARTY UNITY. Over a hundred members of the multi-party coalition in the House of Representatives take their oath of office before President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang last week in a show of solidarity behind the President, Speaker Jose de Venecia and the government's socio-economic and political reform programs. The lawmakers, both new and re-elected members, were led by Speaker de Venecia, Deputy Speakers Raul del Mar and Eric Singson, and Majority Leaders Prospero Nograles and Arthur Defensor.

* Plus 14 more commitments from party-list congressmen not yet proclaimed and other Members who are abroad.

** The case of [illegible] party-list congressman is still awaiting final resolution by the Comelec.

₱3-B Subic oil smuggling uncovered

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-SMUGGLING Group (PASG) has started flexing its muscles to stop oil smuggling at the Subic Bay Freeport.



DINE-IN

Landslide in Diwalwal buries 5 people



Survivor key to puzzle of Batangas 'salvagings'

By Marlon Ramos
Inquirer Southern Luzon

Ermita to AFP: Produce six intelligence agents

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Prosecutor claims getting death threat from 'Emperor'

By Leila B. Salaverria

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Veloso ordered to shut up

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'Not ours'

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Similar names

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More denials from Bangit

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NBI: Show biz celebs invested in Francswiss

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ANTI-RED DRIVE

Soldiers return to QC, Taguig

THE SOLDIERS ARE BACK IN Metro Manila, with the military leadership ordering their redeployment to nine barangays in Quezon City and Taguig City yesterday.



Biogas project at Payatas dump



E-jeep test run results awaited



THE E-JEEPNEY, the Earth-friendly vehicle, runs side by side with the traditional passenger jeepney which runs on gas. The e-jeepneys, on the other hand, is fueled by electricity. Jeepney drivers in Makati say the e-jeep could mean more income for them since they would no longer have to spend money on gas.

Borgy files counteraffidavit on mauling complaint

Wounded guard foils attempt to rob Caloocan company

More drug raids to follow—Lim

Soldiers return to QC, Taguig







MetroBriefs

Japanese trader arrested

Police question 49 persons

Voice-as-asset seminar

58 killed in Pakistan mosque siege



ISLAMABAD—PAKISTANI TROOPS STORMED A pro-Taliban mosque in the heart of Islamabad on Tuesday in a bid to free hundreds of women and children, sparking fierce gun battles which left at least 58 people dead.

SC to hear corruption case vs Thaksin

Iraqis warn of catastrophe if US withdraws troops



ZHENG

China's ex-food and drug chief executed

More oppose Iraq war, Bush ratings dip

White House defies Congress in probe

SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW AND APPRECIATE THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK (NBN) PROJECT OF DOTC

1. Background

The NBN Project was conceptualized to address the needs of the Government in delivering services directly to the people, which can be greatly improved with the use of Information and Communications Technology. It is in line with the Government's Cyber Corridor Initiatives aimed at linking ICT sites all over the country and connect it to the outside world in order to develop the business processing capability in the country and sustain the creation of additional jobs for the Filipinos.

2. Coverage

The project intends to connect 2,295 major Government agencies/offices and 23,549 Barangay/Municipal/Provincial LGU Offices up to the 5th class municipalities throughout the country.

3. Components

NBN Infrastructure – composed of Network Transmission Backbone, WiMax Network Cluster, IP Core Network, Integrated Data Center (IDC) and Network Support & Management Subsystems; and

Network Application System/Services – composed of: 1. centralized network management system to manage the whole network remotely and efficiently; 2. VoIP System to provide telephone services; 3. Internet Access; 4. Video Conferencing System; and Intranet Services for efficient sharing of information.

4. Benefits

The project is favorable to the Government in terms of economic benefits due to an improved access to information which will result in fast delivery of services, savings in communication expenses, internet access, intranet capacity, O&M and optimum utilization of existing Government telecom facilities.

a. It will build a fully integrated Next Generation Network (i.e. network technology expected to be deployed within the next ten years in place of old technologies) that will allow voice and data services among the Government agencies.

b. It will fast track implementation of e-Government and e-Governance projects that will enable the people to have free access various services without traveling to the central offices of Government agencies (e.g. for NSO certificates, DFA Passports and etc.).

c. It will rationalize utilization of Government resources for ICT and avoid individual subscription by different Government Offices, thus will result in a reduction of Government expenses in communications.

d. It will optimize the utilization of existing government's telecommunication infrastructure while reducing its corresponding operating expenses.

e. It will make Government communications more accessible and more secure.

5. Concerns in the Telecommunication Industry

The NBN Project will be a Government network which will be purely utilized to improve delivery of services as allowed by Republic Act 7925. It will not be competing with existing private telecom carriers in the private arena. The transition of the Government to NBN will allow it to pursue privatization requirements of RA 7925 by forcing it to spin off its existing subscribers to the private sectors.

The NBN is not designed for cellphone service as this is already offered by existing carriers. On the other hand, the proposal of Amsterdam Holdings Inc. to offer cellphone services (i.e. 3G) but requiring direct support from the Government by way of guaranteed subscription by all Government Offices is deemed against the Government's policy.

It is anticipated that after the Government has provided e-Government services, the demand for ICT services will create tremendous opportunities for the private carriers.

6. Proper and Legal Procedures

a. The ZTE NBN project was first submitted last July 2007 in line with the Government's policy to develop ICT in the Country. It is in accordance with the Medium Term Philippine Development Program (MTPDP).

b. The project was endorsed to NEDA after the appropriate review and evaluation by the CICT and DOTC based on its feasibility to address the requirement of the Government to interconnect all its Offices up to the 6th class municipalities.

c. The NEDA Investment Coordination Committee and the NEDA Board reviewed and approved the implementation of the project on March 29 2007.

d. The project will be implemented through a Government to Government Agreement with funding coming from the Eximbank of China.

e. Being a Government to Government undertaking and a tied loan, the Chinese Government by its own processes has designated ZTE Corporation which is a state owned company, to be the contractor of the project.

f. The Contract was signed by the DOTC and ZTE last 21 April 2007 but shall take effect only upon compliance to certain conditions incorporated in the contract to ensure compliance to processes.

g. The project is not a BOT project subject to BOT law as it is, among other reasons, a Government to Government agreement.

7. Cost and Deliverables

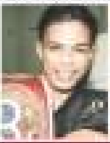
The project, which will cost US$329M, will provide a nationwide coverage with 300 WiMax base stations capable of reaching Government offices within a 30km distance, 120 microwave backbone stations, 160 microwave spur link that will backhaul traffic from the WiMax base stations, 35 IP MPLS/VPN Network Nodes, 25,844 Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) with 25,844 VoIP terminals, 1 redundant integrated data center/network operation center.

In addition, the project include among other applications and other non infrastructure deliverables such as: 1. Voice Over Internet Protocol System; 2. Video Conferencing System; 3. Intranet Applications; 4. Unified Network Management System; 5. Transfer of Technology through classroom and on-the-job trainings; and 6. 18 months manage services.

8. Other Project Proponents

	Amsterdam Holdings Inc.	ARRESCOM
Objectives	The objective of their project is to build a privately owned network aimed at providing cellphone services in areas mostly covered by existing private carriers. Its main market is targeted at the Government which will be required to issue an Executive Performance Undertaking that will ensure subscription of all Government agencies for cellphone and data services. The DOTC believed that this will be unfair to existing carriers and will violate existing policies.	The objective of the project is to connect all the Regional Offices of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). This is already covered under the NBN Project.
Cost and Deliverables	The project cost is US$240M to provide cellphone coverage up to 3rd class municipalities with 87 base stations and 508 cell sites. The VoIP terminals will not be provided under the project.	The project cost is US$135M to cover all the regional offices of the DILG with 21 Base stations all using satellite system for backhaul. In total, the project will be able to serve only 83 offices.
Proper and legal procedures	No information was presented on the company's organization. It has not shown technical competence in doing similar project and operating telecommunications network. It is not a holder of a franchise to operate a telecommunications system, much more offer a cellular phone service. It has not provided financial records except that its paid up capital is only P800, 000.00	No information was submitted as to the company's profile. Technical capability to undertake the project is not documented. Likewise, no financial records were presented to support capability to undertake the project.

By: Department of Transportation and Communications



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ 5 Pinoys seek boxing titles/A28

SPORTS



San Mig-RP five falls to Kazakhs

Filipinos absorb worst of 4 losses

TAIPEI—AFTER MASTERFULLY hurdling the silver and bronze medalists of the 2006 Asian Games, the San Miguel-Pilipinas national team stumbled against an extra sharp Kazakhstan, 107-90, Tuesday at the close of the 29th William Jones Cup International basketball tournament here.

Phone Pals, Aces in vital tussle today



Ekwe returns as Lions seek No. 4; Knights take on Altas

UAAP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

2 big men underachievers no more

NSAs asking for the moon



SPORTSWATCH

'Matawan' finals at RMC today

Pasay derby stakes P2 million

Enriquez seeks another sweep

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Top Pinoy cue stars in earners' top five



ORCOLLO

Belgians take charge

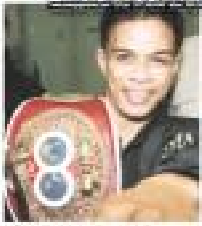
Finish 1-2 in 2nd stage; Swiss keeps Tour lead



GERT Steegmans of Belgium (top) and compatriot and teammate Tom Boonen help rebuild Quick Step's team spirit with the 1-2 finish. AP

Four squads share WGAP Circuit lead

SPORTS



AFTER CONDES, DONAIRE

5 RP pugs eye titles

OVERCOMING BALDNESS

THINK-A-HEAD

Local shuttlers under the gun in RP Open

Business

Exports rose 6.1% in May to $4.12B

Electronics rebound with 11.8% growth

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS GREW 6.1 percent to $4.12 billion in May from a year ago, boosted by the double-

SPECIAL REPORT

Strengthened by '80s crisis, RP spared from full effects of financial tsunami /B2

1997 ASIAN CONTAGION IN RETROSPECT

RP spared from full effects of financial tsunami



SPECIAL REPORT

RP 'insulated'

The beginning of the Asian financial crisis









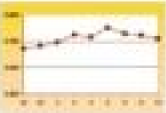


Crisis changed IMF as well

By Doris C. Dumlao

Exports . . .

Stocks decline as investors raise cash for new IPOs



ePerformax OKs ₱172M in dividends

By Riza T. Olchondra

Vista Land pushes property development to greater heights

The most innovative brands in local property have come together to change the face of the industry. Vista Land & Lifescapes Inc., a newly incorporated property holding group, combines the strengths of Brittany Corporation, Camella Homes, Crown Asia, and Communities Philippines to make up what is now the largest homebuilder in the country.

Vista Land boasts of the collective track record of various properties covering the full spectrum of residential developments. It is now the first and only one offering a full range of products that fit every budget and every lifestyle in prime locations - Brittany Corp. for high-end, luxury developments; Crown Asia for stylish yet affordable developments; Camella for affordable developments; and Communities Philippines for developments outside Mega Manila.

Individually, each property brand has created a legacy in their respective fields fueled by the pioneering spirit that has come to set them apart from their competitors. Collectively, Vista Land aspires to a formidable property investment whose value appreciates over time. Its name now stands for providing value for money, assurance of reliability, a broad range of choices for various wants and needs, and the promise of a more enriched way of life.

Moreover, this conciliation brings together under one roof the vast resources of four industry frontrunners. This resource - a veritable fountain of experience - speaks of decades of innovation that has time and again pushed the industry to greater heights.

Vista Land will be expanding its operations to the regions in a bid to double its geographic reach in the next two years. It also seeks to expand its role in inner city and vertical developments while enhancing existing projects by putting up community centers and establishing business process outsourcing in these projects.

Complementing its portfolio of developments, the company intends to expand into more leisure projects and other types of real estate development in the future.

What began in 1975 as an 88-lot development in Las Piñas now prides itself with over 100,000 homes built - raising the Filipino family's quality of living one home at a time. Whether it is a high-end property or an affordable residential development, Vista Land applies the same principle approach in fashioning what it has come to call its lifescapes - efficiently planned, architecturally sound masterplanned themed developments that are responsive and adaptable to the realities of its homeowners.


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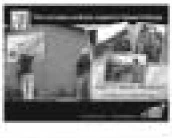




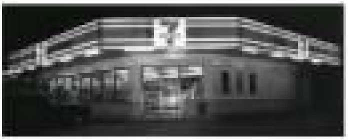
World today celebrates 7-Eleven day

Celebrations in Philippines marked by Corporate Social Responsibility and promotional activities





Franchisees join together in celebrating 7-Eleven day





Questions of Policies

Gov't finalizes sale of stake in geothermal company

NFA taps private sector to stabilize grain prices

DA plans to put up food terminals in ecozones

RP spared from full ...

Crisis of confidence

Defend or devalue

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Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
Customs District XIII
Port of Subic
SBFZ, Olongapo City

NOTICE OF SALE

BUSINESS

BPO roadmap seen to be crucial

RP companies out to double global market share by 2010

Small firms must comply with mine law, DENR says

Banks push up 4-year T-bond rate to 6.965%



MOTORING

10 ways to avoid car insurance troubles



By Tessa R. Salazar

CAN SOMEONE ACTUALLY carry out fictitious insurance claims from your car registration and insurance policy copies? Should you keep copies of your car registration and insurance policies in your car? Does your car insurance policy cover natural disasters and other "acts of God"?

Being a responsible driver is also about taking care of the paperwork needed to secure yourself, your car and others even before unwanted events occur.

Subaru marks first year in RP

Remarkable reception

Special value package deals


SUBARU WRX

Mitsubishi'…



2007 MITSUBISHI Eclipse



Eclipse: bolder or just older?

MY DRIFT



Very different

More for comfort

Headturner

Stronger

ON THE R…

New engines



2007 Volvo XC90 rated top safety pick by US agency



Industry first

Criteria for selection





3-step procedure

Toyo…



...s true 4X4 SUV





THE THIRD row seat of the 2007 Pajero is for kids only.



THE 3.2 Di-D common rail diesel engine of the 2007 Pajero.

Airbags

New fuel additive . . .

Tested

Formulation

Subaru marks . . .

...ta tests environment-friendly Prius on local roads

Combination

Local road conditions



From green card holder to gas station owner



Gas station business

Biggest challenge

New fuel additive promises to cut consumption

By Charles E. Buban

As prices of fuel continue to rise throughout the world, it's only logical for motorists to look for ways to cut their consumption or at least make every liter of fuel count.

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WITH A NEW fuel additive product now available in the Philippines, Ultimate MEJ, motorists are hoping it could help the country solve its air pollution problem.

HYUNDAI VEHICLES NAMED "BEST CARS FOR FAMILIES"

The American Automobile Association (AAA), a nonprofit automobile organization in the United States that provides services to its members such as roadside assistance, safety and legislative programs, vehicle repair and maintenance, and travel services, and Parents magazine, named the 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe and Entourage as two of 2007's "Best Cars for Families."

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LIFESTYLE



One floor up

FRIDAY FUN. The Coro-loving band Kassa at The Room Upstairs



OFFICE space. The Room Upstairs is also Pinky's office

By Pam Pastor

The Room Upstairs is not just a hangout, but many cool things rolled into one—a design showroom, a coffee shop, a retail store and an events venue

YOU CAN CALL THE ROOM Upstairs a dream come true. "I wanted to create a showroom for my designs and to have a design studio," says Pinky Peralta, who has been an interior designer since 1995.

She found a beautiful space at LRI Building on Nicanor Garcia Street, Makati, [illegible] realized that it was a little too big. She then decided to ask her husband Art to help her turn the place into something more.

"I asked Art if he was interested in putting up a coffee shop."

That's how The Room Upstairs was born. Now, the place, which opened late last year, has become so much more than just a design showroom and a coffee shop—it is also a retail store and an events venue.

The pieces of furniture and artworks you see inside The Room Upstairs are all for sale. During the day, clients come to see [illegible] with Pinky (she has an office at the back) while other people go there to hang out, drink coffee, eat and read books.

Sometimes, the lines blur. Clients end up hanging out and coffee shop patrons become clients. "One lady who walked in just to have coffee ended up buying furniture and later on asking me to design her house," says Pinky.

Companies have started paying attention as well, with some of them booking the place for corporate meetings, exclusive parties and product launches.

"We think they like the intimate setting," adds Pinky.

Art exhibits and photography sessions have also been held at The Room Upstairs. The group exhibit of [illegible] called "[illegible] Landscapes of [illegible]" is running at The Room Upstairs until July 31. And because Art and Pinky want to turn it into a total arts venue, they've introduced live music as well. On Friday nights, the place transforms into a hot nightspot, with [illegible] entertaining the crowd.

For Pinky and Art, The Room Upstairs isn't just a business venture. "It's a way for us to work together, to fuse our passions [illegible] in one place."

Pinky uses The Room Upstairs to show her design skills, while Art, a businessman who [illegible]

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DESIGN choices



MORE than just a furniture store

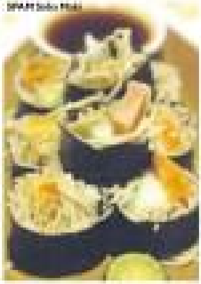








SPAM Sushi Maki



Island (food) fever

By Paris Pacsor

SAY THE WORDS HAWAIIAN food and a lot of people think pineapples. Lots and lots of pineapples. But that is not the case at Hula Hula Seafood & Barbecue House. Although inspired by the island lifestyle, you will find more than just pineapples at this palate paradise.

Lilo and Stitch would feel right at home at Hula Hula





Hula Hula Seafood & Barbecue House is located at the ground floor of Shangri-La Mall.







One floor up





Keeping time for school



ACE, THE NEW TOMMY Hilfiger watch, is a combination of sporty and chic. A sparkling Swarovski crystal "T" is integrated into the watch design, embellishing the bracelet or strap where it attaches to the case. The white dial with minute track running along the outer edge is enhanced by a mother-of-pearl center zone detailed with the Tommy Hilfiger logo and flag.

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Music to go



By Mark Bautista
Correspondent

'It Won't Be Soon Before Long'
Maroon 5
(MCA Music)

About: Maroon 5's follow-up to their highly successful debut "Songs About Jane," which produced the hits "Harder To Breathe," "She Will Be Loved," "This Love" and "Sunday Morning."

Stand-out tracks: "Makes Me Wonder," "Won't Go Home Without You," "Nothing Lasts Forever," "Wake up Call"

Buy it because: Maroon 5 makes a strong comeback with the album, which combines pop rock tunes with some danceable and '80s-inspired tracks but still within the signature sound that has endeared the band to listeners. With lots of potential hits, this CD is worth your money and is sure worth the long wait.



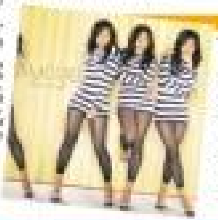
'Paula DeAnda'
Paula DeAnda
(Sony BMG Music)

About: The debut album from the 18-year-old Latina American is described in her bio as "filled with funny hits, showcasing her skills as both a premiere vocalist and talented songwriter." DeAnda contributed six of the CD's 13 cuts.

Stand-out tracks: "Walk Away," "When It Was Me," "Doing Too Much," "Easy"

Buy it because: The big voiced R&B newbie is one promising act. The singles "Doing Too Much," "Walk Away (Remember Me)" and "When It Was Me" have become some of the most requested songs in local pop stations. The album makes a young listener with a little bit of soul.





'Because I Love It'
Amerie
(Sony BMG Music)

About: Amerie's third album, which she all wrote and arranged. The elements of The soul, '80s New Wave, hip-hop and live instrumentation.

Stand-out tracks: "Take Control," "Crush," "Crazy Wonderful"

Buy it because: If you prefer a sexy pop R&B album, this should be it. "Crush," especially, shows great hit potential. Amerie, a Korean-American singer/actress, shows pride in her Asian lineage in her collaboration with Korean artist Se7en on "Take Control," which is included as a bonus track.

'Delirious'
Scandal us
(Warner Music)

About: Scandal us's sophomore album after "Silence." The album is described as "the band's personal challenge to itself as a group to go beyond their previous successful formula for good music." The band members also hope to silence critics who say they are just another pop rock band.

Stand-out tracks: "Angles," "Tidal Waves," "Bulletin"

Buy it because: There are only 10 tracks, but the album is still worth listening to because of the band's improved sound. Definitely not pop rock at all.





NARUTO

Enjoy capsule toys from vending machines

TOY DISTRIBUTOR San Ren Trading has launched the Bandai and Yujin capsule toys dispensed by specially designed capsule vending machines made popular in Japan and other parts of Asia.

Bandai capsules that are dispensed by Gashapon machines feature a wide range of miniature collectibles and toys including action figures, cars, robots from Power Rangers, Gundam Series, Dragon Ball Z, Masked Rider, Pokemon, Hello Kitty and Frog Style.



GUNDAM

The capsule machines of Yujin are called Gacha. They dispense capsule toys featuring different Disney merchandise such as "Toy Story," "Winnie the Pooh," "Mickey Mouse & Friends," "Lion King," "Lilo & Stitch" and other collectibles like Sesame, Hello Kitty, Super Mario, Tomica cars, Real reserve and Cold fish.

Collections are easy to complete with the very affordable price of the tokens—at P50 each.



MASKED Rider Black



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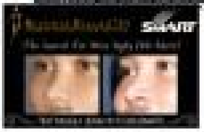


TOKENS and capsules



TOYCOM Yujin machine

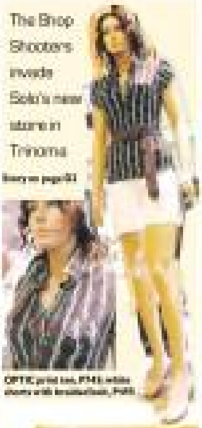
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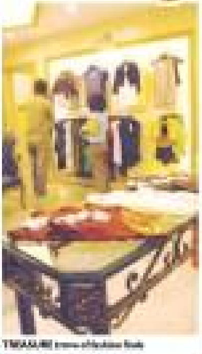


SHOP SHOOTERS

Solo and loving it



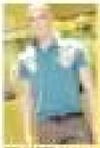
The Shop Shooters invade Solo's new store in Trinoma





BLACK foil-print graphic tee, P595; skinny jeans, P1,295





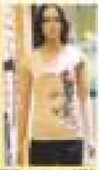
COLLARED shirt, P695; plaid skinny jeans, P1,095; stainless steel necklace, P395





SOLO has branched new... in TriNoma mall





TEE graphic tee, P575; black shorts, P495



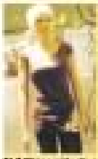


HOODIE, P695; tank top, P225; skinny jeans, P1,295; necklace, P345



COLLARED tee, P575; shorts, P475; belt, P445





TUNIC top with silver foil, P595; skinny jeans, P1,295; necklace, P395



SHOP SHOOTERS

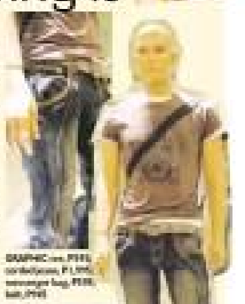
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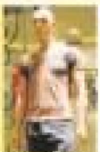
THE OPENING OF A NEW mall is always an exciting experience for serious shoppers.

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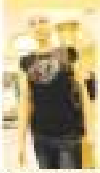


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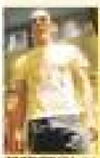


GREY hoodie with foil print, P1,295; black vneck appliqué graphic tee, P695; denim jeans, P1,595; stainless steel necklace, P375



GRAPHIC shirt, P595; skinny jeans, P1,295





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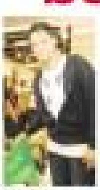


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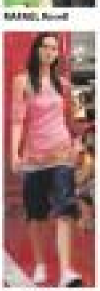


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New fashion benchmark



RAFAEL Rosell



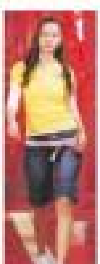
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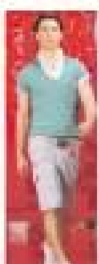
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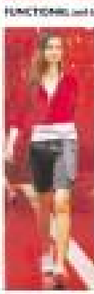


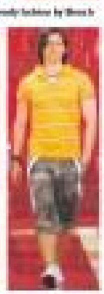
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Chic retro for forward-looking young people

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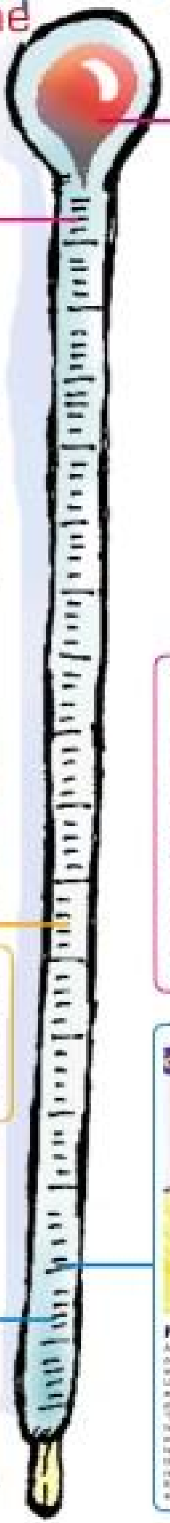
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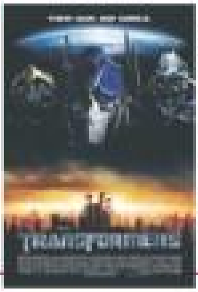




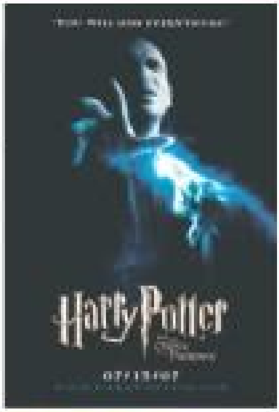
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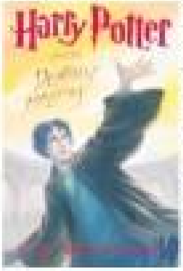
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'Transformers'





Harry Potter movie and book



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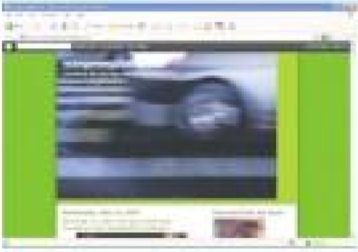




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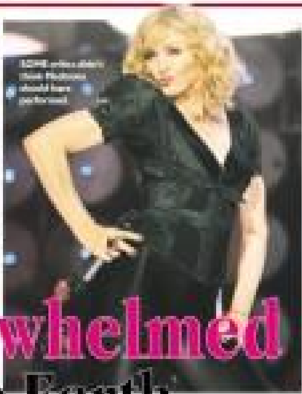
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SUPERSTARS like Sting, a highest ...



GRAMMY winner John Mayer speaks with Tipper Gore at the New York concert.



SOME critics didn't think Madonna should have performed.

Underwhelmed by Live Earth

LONDON—"THEY ROCKED THE WORLD, BUT as the cleanup in nine climate change gigs around the globe began, many wonder if the galaxy of pop stars did much to change it.

US and British media were generally underwhelmed on Sunday by Live Earth, the mega-concert organized by former US vice president and green campaigner Al Gore, which, though built on the model of Live Aid and Live 8, ended a less positive buzz.

In Germany, however, newspapers were more upbeat about Saturday's gigs designed to pressure leaders to sign a new treaty by 2009 that would cut global warming pollution by 90 percent in rich nations and more than half worldwide by 2050.

Several articles examined the green credentials of artists on the day, including Madonna, whose annual "carbon footprint" was estimated at around 100 times the average Briton's.

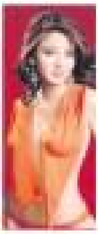
The News of the World tabloid, Britain's

UNDERWHELMED, E2



JON Bon Jovi was a crowd favorite.

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Sexy Kat

KATRINA HALILI has topped FHM magazine's 2007 sexiest list in the Philippines for the second consecutive year. Angel Locsin was a close second.

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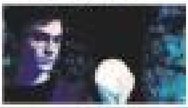
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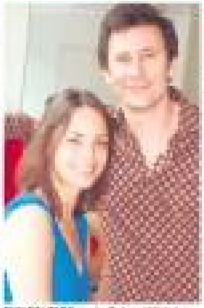
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Why French Bond is 'gay'

Award-winning filmmaker says even Sean Connery doesn't mind



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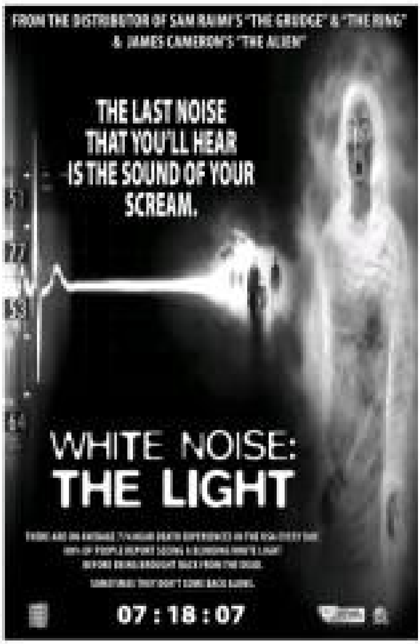
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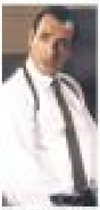
Woody's latest

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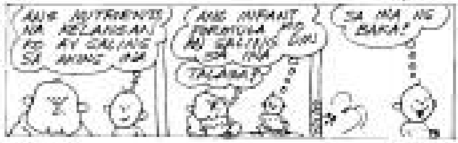
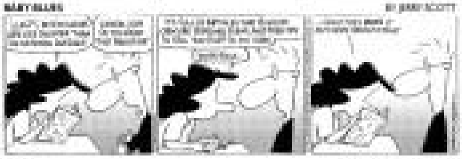
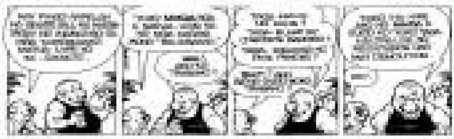


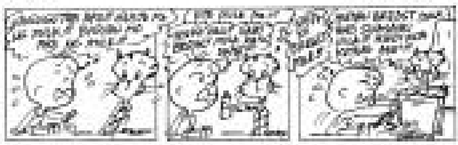

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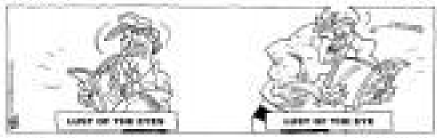
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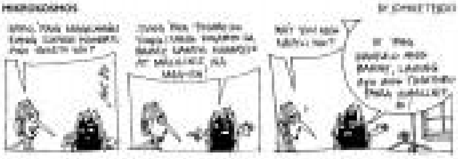
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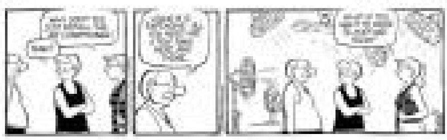
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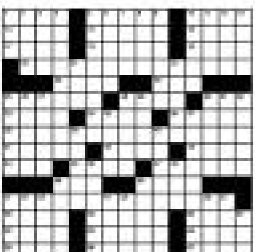
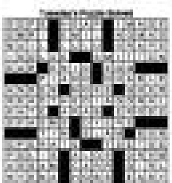









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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Two new local releases prove that local talent is world-class

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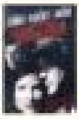
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